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SUMMARY: COMMUNIST-LINING "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" OF NOV. 3  
HEADLINED CLAIM OF RECENTLY SURFACED "COMMITTEE OF REVOLUTIONARY  
VIGILANCE OF THE ARMED FORCES" THAT REACTIONARY MILITARY COUP IS  
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BEING PREPARED IN PORTUGAL IN COORDINATION WITH MOVE AGAINST

THE MPLA IN ANGOLA. DISPUTE BETWEEN SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST FACTIONS OF "O SEculo" PREVENTED SALE OF NOV. 3 EDITION. COPCON COMMANDER CARVALHO PLUMPED FOR "POPULAR POWER" AND AGRARIAN REFORM AT NOV 1 WORKERS' COMMISSION ASSEMBLY. END SUMMARY.

1. AGRARIAN REFORM: AGRARIAN REFORM WAS THE PRIMARY TOPIC IN NOV 1 ASSEMBLY OF WORKERS' COMMISSIONS AND OTHER ORGANS OF "POPULAR POWER" HELD IN BARREIRO, INDUSTRIAL AREA ACROSS TAGUS RIVER FROM LISBON. LARGE CROWD TURNED OUT TO HEAR COPCON COMMANDER OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AGRARIAN RESTRUCTURING ANTONIO BICA (PCP) CALL FOR POPULAR SUPPORT FOR AGRARIAN REFORM EFFORTS. BICA EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF OCCUPATION OF LAND PRIOR TO AGRARIAN REFORM TO PREVENT OWNERS FROM LIQUIDATING MOVABLE CAPITAL. OTELO ASSERTED THAT PROGRESSIVE MILITARY WOULD RETURN TO CONTINUE THE REVOLUTION, AND CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF NATIONAL SYSTEM OF POPULAR POWER ORGANIZATIONS TO CULMINATE IN NATIONAL POPULAR ASSEMBLY. ASSEMBLY CONDEMNED ALLEGED EFFORTS BY "REACTIONARY OFFICERS" TO OUST OTELO AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF CARLOS FABIAO.

2. COMMUNIST-LINING "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" (DN) OF NOV 3 HEADLINED CLAIM OF COMMITTEE OF REVOLUTIONARY VIGILANCE OF THE ARMED FORCES (CVR) THAT "REACTIONARY MILITARY COUP IS BEING PREPARED." "DN" ALSO RAN ANOTHER FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL CALLING FOR LEFTIST UNITY AGAINST RIGHTIST ADVANCES AND MANEUVERS IN THE DECISIVE WEEK BEFORE ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE. RECENTLY-SURFACED CVR FOLLOWED UP ON ITS OCT 28 WARNING OF A RIGHTIST COUP IN THE AIR FORCE WITH A NOV 2 ALERT AGAINST REACTIONARY MILITARY ACTIONS IN PORTUGAL AND ANGOLA PRIOR TO NOV 11 (REF A). CVR CLAIMED THAT MILITARY MANEUVERS SCHEDULED FOR NOV 7, 8, AND 9 IN PORTUGAL ARE BEING COORDINATED WITH SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS AGAINST MPLA CENTERS IN LUANDA. CVR ASSERTED THAT PORTUGAL HAD YIELDED TO DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC BLACKMAIL OF UNITED STATES AND EUROPE IN ALTERING POLICY TOWARD MPLA. MILITARY MANEUVERS IN PORTUGAL ARE ALLEGEDLY BEING PLANNED BY CENTRAL REGION COMMANDER CHARAIS AND AIR FORCE GENERAL FREIRE--MEMBER OF THE ANTUNES NINE: COL. OLIVEIRA CARVALHO, "WHO MAINTAINS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY" (UNKNOWN TO US), MAJOR ESPIRITO SANTO, "WHO ATTENDED COURSES ON INFORMATION AND ESPIONAGE IN THE U.S." AND FROM BEHIND THE SCENES, BY

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SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER PARTY LEADER, GENERAL GALVAO DE MELO. "SOLDIERS UNITED WILL WIN" (SUV) SECRETARIATS IN LISBON, AND IN THE NORTHERN AND CENTRAL MILITARY REGIONS JOINED IN EFFORT IN ALERT AGAINST SCHEDULED MILITARY MANEUVERS.

3. "O SEculo" INTERNAL FIGHT CONTINUES: THE MINORITY AND COMMUNIST-LINING FACTION AT NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED EIGHT-PAGE (HALF-SIZE) EDITIONS ON OCT. 31 AND NOV. 1, BUT FAILED TO GET AN EDITION

ON THE STREETS NOV 3 (THERE ARE NO PAPERS ON SUNDAYS). THE MAJORITY FACTION, WHICH REPORTEDLY IS COMPOSED OF SOCIALIST AND REORGANIZING MOVEMENT OF THE PROLETARIAT PARTY (MRPP) ELEMENTS, MAINTAINED CONTROL OF PARTS OF THE "O SEculo" BUILDING. THE MAJORITY FACTION ALSO SEIZED DISTRIBUTION HEADQUARTERS OF THE PAPER PREVENTING SALE OF A NOV 3 EDITION THE MINORITY FACTION HAD PRINTED. A THIRD "PROGRESSIVE" FACTION HAS REPORTEDLY CALLED FOR A COMPROMISE-- - A NEW SECRET VOTE TO ELECT A DIRECTOR AND EDITORIAL CHIEF.

4. VIOLENCE: BOMBS WERE AGAIN HEARD OVER THE WEEKEND IN FOLLOWING SITES:

--LISBON: MILITARY ACADEMY BUS WHICH HAD CARRIED SOLIDERS TO SOCCER GAME WAS DESTROYED NOV 1 IN STADIUM PARKING LOT FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE GAME ENDED. NO INJURIES.

--CHAVES (FAR NORTH, NEAR SPANISH BORDER)" BOMB DESTROYED AUTOMOBILE OF LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP) MEMBER NOV 1. NO INJURIES.

--MADEIRA: TWO SMALL CHARGES WENT OFF IN MADEIRA NOV 1, CAUSING SOME MATERIAL DAMAGE, BUT NO INJURIES.

5. COMMENT: LEFTIST MEDIA HAS EXPRESSED INCREASING DISTRESS OVER "GAINS OF THE RIGHT" DURING THE PAST WEEK, INCLUDING THREAT TO COMMUNIST CONTROL OF "O SEculo", THE MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF THE AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT IN OPORTO OCT 25, AND THE ATTACKS ON "REVOLUTIONARY" MILITARY FIGURES SUCH AS ARMY CHIEF FABIAO AND COPCON COMMANDER CARVALHO. THESE SOURCES OF LEFTIST DISCOMFORT HAVE BEEN MIXED WITH ISOLATED INCIDENTS OF RIGHT-WING BOMBINGS AND ARRESTS AND MANUFACTURED ALERTS OF THE CVR TO INTENSIFY THE IMPRESSION THAT THE RIGHT WILL MAKE SOME DRAMATIC MOVE PRIOR TO ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE ON NOV 11. THE SAME THEMES WILL BE STRESSED IN THE NOV 3 PRO-MPLA DEMONSTRATION  
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